

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION

FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title: Specialty Court Supported Housing

2. Organization Name and address:

Multnomah County
Department of County Human Services
Mental Health and Addiction Services Division
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Portland, OR 97204

3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:

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4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):

Multnomah County. Upon funding of project, facility location will be determined.

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

The Mental Health and Addiction Services Division (MHASD) is a division of Multnomah County's Department of County Human Services and is responsible for mental health and addictions treatment programs for adults, children, and families. MHASD comprises about 50 programs funded by the State of Oregon, Multnomah County and federal money in the form of Medicaid and several grants. These programs can be divided into three primary functions.

- MHASD is the Local Mental Health Authority, a legislatively mandated function that protects the most vulnerable mentally ill persons in our community. MHASD describes this role as 'Safety Net Services'.
- MHASD is a Mental Health Organization (MHO) responsible for providing mental health services in the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). The Oregon Health Plan provides health coverage to low-income Oregonians who are eligible for Medicaid. Our MHO is known as 'Verity'.
- MHASD includes about 20 programs for the treatment of abuse and addiction to drugs and alcohol in its Addiction Services unit.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

The project for which funding is being requested will result in the purchase and rehabilitation of a ten unit facility that will provide supported housing to individuals with mental illness. The facility will be dedicated to serving individuals with mental illness who are participants in the county's specialized court diversion programs, Mental Health Court Program and the Aid and Assist in Criminal Defense Project. The supported housing facility will provide a spectrum of on site intensive case management and mental health treatment services. These services will allow for stabilization and longer term planning for return to employment, vocational training, education and permanent housing.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years? No

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding. N/A

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

- Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill: Department of Housing and Urban Development - Economic Development Initiative (EDI) account
- Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Bill: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) - Health Facilities and Services account

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

The purpose of the project is to increase the likelihood of treatment success for individuals with mental illness who are participants in Multnomah County's specialized court programs and reduce recidivism of incarceration, contacts with law enforcement, hospitalization and homelessness. The project is of value to taxpayer funds as it provides supported housing to individuals with mental illness in a community based environment that is the least restrictive and most cost effective setting while ensuring public safety. In the current economic environment, funding for this project will provide opportunity for construction jobs to rehabilitate the facility and create intensive case management positions in the human services field.

All individuals served in the proposed supported housing will be low income, and have very similar demographics to the individuals currently being served at Bridgeview, a County transitional housing program. The demographics at that facility, as of July 2007, are as follows: 56% female, 69% white, 23% African

American; 30% 18-34 years old, 41% 35-49 years old, 28% 50-64 years old; and 62% diagnosed with Affective Disorder, i.e. mood disorder, 30% diagnosed with Schizophrenia or related disorder, 36% diagnosed with co-occurring substance abuse disorder.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?

If so, who?

Yes, Senators Wyden & Merkley, Congressmen Wu & Schrader

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years): \$2,000,000

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010: \$2,000,000

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

Additional funding sources include state funding of \$723,000 that pays for the staffing of the two specialized court projects in Multnomah County, Mental Health Court and The Aid and Assist in Criminal Defense Project. Local and state funding for the intensive case management and mental health treatment services will be covered through insurance reimbursement such as the Oregon Health Plan or indigent funding at the local level. Both funding sources will contribute approximately \$6,000.00 per individual for a year of intensive treatment services.

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

No, unless this request is not fully funded. This is a one time expense for a facility. The funding for services will come from state and local sources.

**e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.
(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):**

Building acquisition cost: \$800,000.00, rehabilitation/remodel costs: \$900,000.00, development costs: \$300,000.00

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

Metropolitan Public Defenders Office of Multnomah County, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and Multnomah County District Court Judges.

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

The project is not recommended to be scalable as the cost of the facility and each unit increases if the facility is smaller than ten beds. This size of facility creates the best use of federal appropriations to provide supported housing and increase treatment success for individuals with mental illness who are diverted from incarceration, hospitalization and homelessness.

Please return this form no later than February 13, 2009 (via email) to:

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